



## *Team Up for Fire Safety* Fire Prevention Week October 6-12, 2002

### Facts:

- A home fire is reported to a fire department in the United States roughly every 1-1/2 minutes.
- Someone in the United States dies in a home fire roughly every 2-1/2 hours.
- Three in every 10 reported home fires start in the kitchen – more than any other place in the home.
- Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
- Cigarettes and other smoking materials are the number one cause of home fire deaths.
- One-half of fire deaths occur in the six percent of homes with no smoke alarms.

### Team Up for Fire Safety by Focusing on These Safety Tips:

- Install and test smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are the most effective early warning device available. Having working smoke alarms listed by a qualified testing laboratory in your home cuts your chance of dying in a fire nearly in half.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan that everyone understands. Practice the escape plan at least twice a year, making sure that everyone is involved.
- Use the [attached checklist](#) to hunt for home fire hazards and immediately take action to correct them.
- Never forget that fire spreads rapidly. Your first priority should always be to get out of the house.



The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) is a major funding partner for the non-profit National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Team Up for Fire Safety." In this new campaign, NFPA is urging everyone to "Team Up for Fire Safety" by joining forces with their community partners – anyone in your community who shares your concern about fire safety. By focusing on the few simple safety lessons stated above, we can make our communities a whole lot safer. During Fire Prevention Week, USFA strongly encourages you and your family to "Team Up for Fire Safety." It could save your life or that of someone you love.

It is also very important to practice fire safety on and off the job. Familiarization with escape route(s), location of fire extinguishers, and an established meeting place can be critical in saving both your own life or that of someone else.

Visit the USFA display in your area for fire prevention and safety information, check the USFA's Publications Web site at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/usfapubs>, or contact the USFA's National Fire Programs Division, Mitigation Branch at (301) 447-1642, or FEMA's Safety and Security Branch, Facilities Management and Services Division, Administration and Resource Planning Directorate at (202) 646-3626. For more information about "Team Up for Fire Safety" visit the NFPA's Web site at <http://www.firepreventionweek.org>

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